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PRESS RELEASE

Children Without Immunizations will be Excluded From School

Worcester County Health Department would like to remind parents that children in grades Pre K – ninth grade are required to have documentation of additional vaccinations by December 31, 2006. All students attending Pre K through ninth grade must show proof of immunization against Hepatitis B and Varicella (chicken pox). A physician's documentation of Varicella disease can be provided in lieu of immunization. Parents were notified in the spring of these new immunization requirements. Maryland law requires that children not having the required vaccinations by December 31, 2006 be excluded from attending school until the immunizations are obtained.

Parents of children who still need immunizations are urged to schedule an appointment immediately with their child's health care provider. Vaccinations are also available by appointment at the Worcester County Health Department. To schedule an appointment for vaccinations at the Health Department, contact the following: Pocomoke 410-957-2005 or Berlin 410-629-0164 ext 6. For more information, you may call the Worcester County Health Department Information Line at 410-632-3498 or visit our website, www.worcesterhealth.org.